



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break.

As you are probably aware our topic this term is 'Rotten Romans'. We hope the children enjoyed our 'WOW' day on Monday. In our topic work we will be covering the following themes:

- Who were the Romans and the Celts?
- Why did the Romans come to Britain?
- What did the Romans do for fun?
- What did the Romans eat?
- Who were gladiators?
- Designing and making a chariot.
- Weaving and mosaics.

Please feel free to share this topic with your child at home. The children are welcome to bring in any additional information/artefacts/pictures to share with their class. We have planned a trip to the Corinium museum in Cirencester on Monday 2nd March, which includes a workshop on 'Everyday Life' as a Roman. There will be a chance during this topic for you to join us for a Roman presentation one morning.

In Literacy we will be writing shape poems; instruction texts linked to Romans and doing a unit on Myths and Legends. This term we are focusing on sentence structure and handwriting. In RE we will be learning about Creation stories and caring for our world in the Hindu, Islamic and Jewish faiths. Our PSHE units will be 'Going for Goals' and 'It's good to be me'. In Maths this term we are having a big push on written addition and subtraction, including money and measures and word problems. I find that the children really benefit from any practical maths experiences at home, such as adding up coins to pay for items in a shop or weighing out ingredients when cooking. Please check how secure your child is at telling the time. They need to be able to tell the time from an analogue clock, to the nearest minute including using Roman numerals and 24 hour clocks. Any extra practice at home will really benefit them.

PE is on Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit, including daps or trainers on those days and earrings are removed. We are also doing a daily running challenge so your child will need their daps/trainers every day.

Our library day is Tuesday. Please ensure your child has their books on that day so that they can be changed. Maths games will be handed out on Friday and returned the following week.

This term's homework will include: reading, practising spelling patterns (you should already have received this letter) maths games, number clubs and topic homework. A big well done to all the children who have completed every piece of homework so far. I have been very impressed with the time and effort that has gone in to their homework, thank you for all your support in this. I hope other children will have made a new year's resolution to complete their homework in 2015! As you know, our homework complements and reinforces their school work and helps the children make better progress at school; it is also a good habit to encourage as this will help them next year when they get homework every night. Please come and see me if your child is reluctant to complete their homework as I am happy to have a chat with them.

If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Glover